

PUBLICATIONS

- Brailsford, Barry. 1994. *Song of Waitaha: The Histories of a Nation*. Published by the Ngatapuwa Trust, % McBrearty & Associates, PO Box 35-036, Shirley, Christchurch NZ. Recommended retail, \$89 NZ.

The dust jacket states: "At last our story is told. Now the brave ancestors we have hidden for so long stand again for all to see." With these words the Elders of Waitaha tell us that their ancient and sacred lore is shared for the first time. Bound in secrecy for centuries, protected through the ages by those who gave their lives to keep it safe, this knowledge travels out of the past to be revealed in *Song of Waitaha*. These writings explain and tell the story of the peaceful confederation of two hundred *iwi* known as the "Nation."

- *Bulletin de la Société des Etudes Océaniques*. No. 263-4, Tome XXIII-No. 1-2. Juillet-Septembre 1994. This issue contains a paper concerning the slave trade by Corinne Raybaud and titled: "Recrutement Sud-Américain en Océanie Orientale en 1862-1863".

- *Bulletin of the International String Figure Association*. 1994. Vol. 1. In this issue is 'String Figures from the Austral Islands', collected by John F.G. Stokes in 1921, and described, analyzed and illustrated by the Editor, Mark Sherman; plus other reports and articles. Published by ISFA Press, PO Box 5134, Pasadena, CA 91117.

- Burley, David V. 1994. Settlement Pattern and Tongan Prehistory Reconsiderations from Ha'apai. *The Journal of the Polynesian Society* 103(4):379-411.

- Charola, A.E., R.J. Koestler and G. Lombardi, eds. 1994. *Lavas and Volcanic Tuffs: Proceedings of the International Meeting, Easter Island, Chile, October 25-31, 1990*. ICCROM--Publications Sales Service, Via di San Michele 13, I-00153, Rome, Italy.

This volume contains 23 papers by noted specialists in the field of stone conservation. Topics covered: Literature Review; Deterioration; Treatments; Treatment Evaluation; Easter Island; Conclusions and Recommendations. Papercover, 368 pages, numerous illustrations in color and black/white. ISBN 92-9077-115-1. \$40.

- Fischer, Steven Roger. 1994. Rapanui's "Great Old Words": *E Timo te Akoako*. *The Journal of the Polynesian Society* 103(4):413-443.

- Hauser-Schäublin, Birgitta (Ed.) 1994. *Geschichte und mündliche Überlieferung in Ozeanien* (History and Oral Traditions in Oceania). With W. Marschall (Berne) and Regina Pinks (Göttingen). Basler Beiträge zur Ethnologie, vol.37. Basel. 391 pp., illustrations, maps. DM 84.00. Contributions by M.Schindlbeck, B. Hauser-Schäublin, R. v.Gizycki, N. Stephenson, Ch. Kaufmann, E. Schlesier, B. Obrist von Eeuwijk, Th. Michel, V. Heesch, A.A.

Gerbrands, I.N.Bell, M. Stanek, F. Weiss, S. Seitz, G. Koch, V. Keck, Ch. Kocher Schmid, and R. Herzog. This book represents a variety of recent projects that take place in different Oceanic cultures under the responsibility of the authors mentioned above. Many concern Papua Niugini, but Irian Jaya, New Britain, Tonga, Fiji, Chatham Islands, Polynesia in general, and some parts of Micronesia are mentioned also.

- *He Pata'u-ta'u o te nga poki* [Poems of the children]. 1993. Ka 'ara te Mata! Hare Haka Tere Tupuna o te Hare Hapi ko "Lorenzo Baeza Vega". Special publication of the Department of Language and Culture, Rapa Nui. Universidad Católica de Valparaíso e Instituto Lingüístico de Verano, Rapa Nui. [This 39-page booklet, papercover, contains poetry written by Rapanui schoolchildren].

- Hotus, Alberto. 1993. Población indígena y medio ambiente. Isla de Pascua (Chile). Rapa Nui. *Revista Española del Pacífico* 3 (Enero-Diciembre): 67-70. Ediciones Polifemo, Madrid.

- Kirch, Patrick V. 1994. The Pre-Christian ritual cycle of Futuna, Western Polynesia. *The Journal of the Polynesian Society* 103(3):255-298.

- *L'Echo de Rapa Nui*, 1995. No.29 for January. Braine L'Alleud, Belgium.

- *Land Studies in the Pacific*, edited by Ron Crocombe and Malama Meleisea. Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch, N.Z. This set of essays concerns land tenure and development in the Pacific.

- McCall, Grant. 1994. Rapanui Images. *Pacific Studies* 17:85-102. (Documenting the history of photography and filming on or about Rapa Nui).

- Mellén, Francisco. 1993. Interpretación Rapa Nui de los numerales escritos por los españoles en 1770. *Revista Española del Pacífico* 3 (Enero-Diciembre): 61-66. Ediciones Polifemo, Madrid.

- Orliac, Catherine and Michel. 1995. *Bois sculptés de l'île de Pâques*. Editions Parenthèses/Editions Louise Leiris. ISBN 2-86364-505-6; 72, cours Julien, 13006 Marseille. Papercover, 92 pages, black/white drawings, 63 color plates. The first part of this beautifully illustrated book tells the story of Easter Island and describes the art and artifacts. The final 36 pages is a catalog showing photographs of wood carvings with descriptive text. In French.

- *Pacific Friend*, March 1994, Vol.21(11). This issue contains an item on Rapa Nui statues. For further information, contact Pacific Friend, Jiji Gaho Sha, Inc. Fonde Bldg., Akasaka 7-10, Japan.

● Pérez, Antonio. 1993. Nueva ley sobre los habitantes de la Isla de Pascua. *Revista Española del Pacífico* 3 (Enero-Diciembre): 71-74. Ediciones Polifemo, Madrid.

● Pouesi, Daniel and Michael Igoe. 1994. *The Stone Maiden and Other Samoan Fables*. Kin Publications, 558 E. Double Street, Carson, CA 90745. ISBN 0-9644426-0-4. Price in US: \$10. Outside US \$12. Illustrations by Michael Evanston. Paperback, 44 pages. Eighteen Samoan fables are told in this charmingly illustrated book.

● *Revista Española del Pacífico*. 1993. No.3, January-December. This issue contains three works on Rapa Nui: "Interpretación Rapa Nui de los numerales escritos por los españoles in 1770" by Francisco Mellén; "Población indígena y medio ambiente. Isla de Pascua" by Alberto Hotus; and "Nueva ley sobre los habitantes de la Isla de Pascua" by Antonio Pérez.

● Rjabchikov, Sergei V. 1994. *The Mysteries of Easter Island* [in Russian, *Tayny ostrova Paskhi*], Vol.3. Krasondar: Ecoinvest.

● Skjølsvold, Arne, ed. 1994. *Archeological Investigations at Anakena, Easter Island*. The Kon-Tiki Museum Occasional Papers 3, Oslo. Paper cover, 216 pages, maps, graphs, and black/white photographs. Large fold-out map in back. No index. [See review of this publication on page 30-31]

● *Tahiti Pacifique*, 1994. In French, current affairs and economic information concerning Tahiti and French Pacific islands. Address: BP 368 Moorea, French Polynesia.

● Van Tilburg, Jo Anne. 1995. Moving the Moai. *Archaeology* 48(1):34-43.

Report of the Meeting of the *Sophora toromiro* Management Group 19-20th October 1994

University of Bonn Botanical Garden

A Collaborative Workshop: University of Bonn, Botanical Garden; Gothenburg Botanical Garden; Palmengarten, Frankfurt; CONAF, Chile; National Museum of Natural History, Paris; Jardin Exotique, Menton; and Royal Botanic Garden, Kew.

Compiled by Mike Maunder and members of the Management Group; Document produced by the Conservation Unit, Living Collections Department, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Sponsored by the Friends of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew.

Executive summary and recommendations

Sophora toromiro once formed part of the natural

vegetation of the Pacific island, Easter Island (Rapa Nui). A sustained history of habitat destruction has resulted in the loss of the island's original scrub forest and has ultimately lead to the extinction of this species in the wild. The first European navigators noted the toromiro, recording areas; "covered with a shrubbery of the Mimosa...to the height of 8 or 9 feet". However, following the introduction of domestic livestock, those surviving clumps were rapidly destroyed by browsing. The last surviving individual tree was recorded by Skottsberg in 1917 located in the crater Rano Kau. This tree survived until 1962. The only plants that can be confirmed as genuine *Sophora toromiro* are descended from this single founder and survive in cultivation within European botanic gardens.

The Toromiro Management Group (TMG) is a group of collaborating agencies committed to the conservation of *Sophora toromiro* and to the recovery of this species and associated island habitats within the ecology and culture of Easter Island. This can only be achieved by the co-operative management of the surviving toromiro plants, and by directly linking the European *ex situ* collection holders with conservation authorities in Chile and Easter Island.

The following recommendations were agreed upon by the group and represent a summary of the discussions:

Documentation and Verification

1. TMG to initiate and vigorously pursue an active programme locating all available toromiro plants.
2. All located stock will be taxonomically verified, genetic status assessed. Appropriate material to be incorporated within a co-operative conservation plan that ensures no net loss of unique genotypes.
3. All stock, incorporated within the recovery plan for the toromiro will be allocated a unique stock number, co-ordinated by a central co-ordinating secretariat. This will operate in parallel to the existing numbering system operated by Bonn and Gothenburg.
4. After taxonomic and genetic verification a number of core collections will be established, with the objective of maintaining duplicate sets of all available founder individuals. Priority will be given to supporting the establishment of core collections in Chile and Easter Island.

Re-introduction and Habitat Restoration

5. TMG supports the development of long term plans for the restoration of degraded habitats and the re-introduction of the toromiro into Easter Island. Recognising that the long term future of the toromiro on Easter Island is dependent upon an integrated approach to the conservation and management of the island's natural resources.
6. TMG endorses the continuing development of the existing Rapa Nui National Park and endangered species management programmes. TMG will co-ordinate on behalf of CONAF the repatriation of toromiros on Easter Island in 1995 as an experimental re-introduction, utilising plants from Bonn and Gothenburg. This will aim to identify the limiting factors that will impact upon the planned re-introduction. Proposed sites are